

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-18 are pending in the present application, Claims 10 and 11 having been canceled, Claims 1-7, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. However, Claims 1-9 and 12-18 limiting to the elected subject matter were indicated as being in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-9 and 12-18 include allowable subject matter. Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of communications with Applicants' representative on February 7, 2011. As discussed during these communications, Claims 1-6 have been amended to delete the nonelected subject matter.

Also, Claim 12 has been amended to clarify the subject matter based on the suggestions provided in the Office Action, and thus amended Claim 12 is believed to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Furthermore, Claims 7, 14, 15, 17 and 18 have been amended simply to correct informalities and clarify the subject matter recited therein.

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the above amendments.

In light of the prior indication of allowable claims and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to resolve any remaining issues and expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully request an early action favorable to that effect.

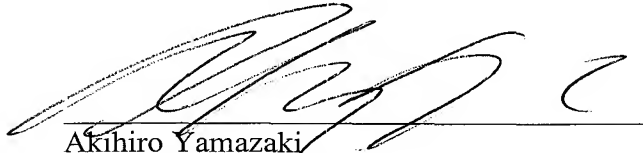
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